A lead time of around three years is needed for the fruition of any investment in the industrial sector. Therefore it is too early to indicate the actual impact of the new Industrial Policy in terms of new units.

(c) During August to October, 1991,194 foreign technlogy agreements have been approved.

Winding up of Directorate-General of Technical development (DGTD)

1039.SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating the winding up of the Directorate-General of Technical Development (DGTD);

(b) if so, the details of the scheme;

(c) the number of staff members likely to be rendered jobless; and

(d) the scheme of government to absorb them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN) (a) to (d). The Government has taken major Trade and Industrial Policy decisions which have led to new perceptions about the role and functions of several Ministries/Departments/Organisations. Consequently, it may be necessary to restructure several of these, including the Directorate General of Technical Development, in the light of the fresh perceptions. Government have not taken any final decision in this regard.

Filling up of Backlog of Reserved Posts for SCs/STs

1040. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK:
SHRI SIMON MARANDI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the Conference of Chief Ministers held in the first week of October, 1991 it was decided to fill in the backlog of reserved posts for SCs and STs in the Government services by March 31, 1992;

(b) the number of posts filled up and the number of posts reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Lying vacant in different Group in the services of the Union Government as on October 31, 1992; and

(c) the initiative taken by the Government to fill up the reserved vacant posts?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) It was decided in the Conference of Chief Ministers that unfilled quotas of appointment to the reserved Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribes posts should be complected at the earliest, and in any case latest by the 31st of March, 1992.

(b) According to the figures maintained by this Ministry, the numbers of Scheduled castes/Scheduled Tribes employees in the Central Government as on 1.1.90 are as follows:

	SC	ST
Group A	5331	1593
Group B	10497	2222
Group C	336880	107103